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Mr. Burton F. Raiford  
Interim Commissioner  
Texas Department of Human Services  
P. O. Box 149030  
Austin, Texas 78714-9030

OR92-304

Dear Mr. Raiford:

You ask whether certain portions of a grant application from the Family Service Center to the Department of Human Services and a subsequently executed contract with that entity are subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 15073.

You and the Family Service Center claim that the information at issue consists of "trade secrets" and as such may be withheld from required public disclosure under section 3(a)(10) of the Open Records Act which permits withholding of

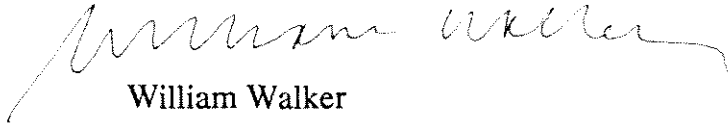
trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential by statute or judicial decision.

We have considered the exception you claimed and have reviewed the documents at issue. We do not believe that you have sufficiently demonstrated that the information at issue consists of "trade secrets" so as to fall within the section 3(a)(10) exception to required disclosure. *See* Open Records Decision 592 (1991); 552 (1990). Therefore, you must release the requested information.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-304.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'William Walker', written in dark ink.

William Walker  
Assistant Attorney General  
Opinion Committee

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Enclosures: Open Records Decision Nos. 552, 592

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